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## Dr. Hanson Named College Trustee

### Gala Alumni Homecoming Planned; College Extends Invitations

A capacity gathering including representatives from the A.O.A., A.O.F., O.E.P., and I.O.L. is expected to be present at the second Open House Thursday, June 23, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. at the college.

Invitations have been extended to officials from other Optometric Colleges as well as to alumni, their wives and guests.

Highlighting the Homecoming will be the "New Face" of the Optometric clinic which has been completely redecorated and many new units added. The Contact Lens department has also shown a marked growth since the last open house.

At the college, visitors will view displays of student curricula and will be able to inspect the Physiological and Geometric Optic Labs, as well as other classrooms.

The new student lounge, completely redecorated and refurnished by the Alumni Association will also be opened for inspection.

Dean Hyman Kamens of the college stated that college officials expect a larger turnout than the 300 visitors who attended a similar Open House two years ago.

Following the tour of classroom and clinic facilities (by special limousine service) visitors can fellowship with cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres provided by the Alumni Association.

Support your college! Invite a friend and stroll down Newbury Street to attend the Open House. The college is a three-minute walk from the Sheraton-Boston and your time will be well rewarded.

### Three Alumni Honored At Annual Luncheon

Three outstanding alumni were awarded citations at the luncheon and installation of officers of the Alumni Association during the recent Congress at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston.

Dr. Melvin Dunbar, President-elect A.O.A., was cited for his services to Optometry and his leadership in the Optometric profession.

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The new President of the Alumni Association can well be referred to as a man of many talents. Dr. Alfred Hanson, elected at the annual meeting in March, has been a practicing Optometrist for twenty-eight years in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

A graduate of M.C.O., Dr. Hanson has been recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the College. Although he will not be a representative of the Alumni Association on the board, Dr. Hanson brings a wealth of knowledge and concern for his Alma Mater to the position.

President of the Massachusetts Association of Optometrists 1960-1961, Dr. Hanson has been active in many Optometric organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and an O.E.P. member.



Dr. Hanson is also deacon of the Murray Universalist Unitarian Church and trustee and Vice-President of the Doolittle Universalist Home in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

In civic affairs, he has been a member of the Attleboro Lions Club for over twenty-five years. During this time he has held all offices, including District Cabinet Officer and a position on the original committee of the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund.

Married with three children, Dr. Hanson is an avid golf enthusiast and enjoys recreational activity.

His job will not be easy, but we wish him the best of luck as he continues to lead the Alumni Association to new heights.

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## Tonometry Project Progresses; Faculty Member Cited

A Tonometry Research and Evaluation study is now under way at our College. Tonometers under study are the Durham, Mackay-Marg, Tonair, Schiotz, Goldman applanation tonometer (mounted on a Thorpe Slit Lamp). The research involves both scleral and corneal readings. Dr. John Asarkof, a member of the faculty of MCO, is serving as director of the entire project, and is assisted by Dr. Otto Hochstadt, Dr. Joan Exford, Dr. Donald Korb, and by Mr. Stanley Molner of the Block Engineering Company. This is being conducted in conjunction with a study by several Ophthalmologists. Glaucoma screening clinics in conjunction with this program are being conducted with fourth year students serving as examiners.

The annual Omega Epsilon Phi Banquet was held Thursday, April 14 at Nick's Starlight Lounge in Weymouth. The new officers of Zeta Chapter of Omega Epsilon Phi International Fraternity were introduced at the banquet. They are: President, Michael Newman; First Vice-President, Ben Polizzi; 2nd Vice-President, Paul Adrien; Treasurer, George Ehlert; Corresponding Secretary, Bill Watts; Recording Secretary, Clifford Scott; and Sergeants at Arms, Les Brackley and Pete Cerruti.

The annual Pi Omicron Sigma Banquet was held April 21, 1966 at Cafe Amalfi in Boston. Outgoing President, Carl Gruning, was presented with a memento for having faithfully served the Fraternity. The newly elected officers were then introduced as follows: Grand Chancellor Emeritus, Dr. Carroll Martus; Chancellor, Gerry Glazer; Vice-Chancellor, Robert Gold; Secretary, George Montminy; Treasurer, Japhet Nyalusi; Corresponding Secretary, Henry Boroyan; Sergeant at Arms, Gordon Price and Faculty Advisor, Dr. Frank Kozol.

Dean Kamens recently received a letter from Dr. Charles L. Schepens, Director of Retina Research at the Retina Foundation, stating that it was a great pleasure to receive the visit of so many outstanding Optometrists at the recent Alumni meeting held there.

Dr. Kamens also received a letter from Dr. Robert Alpert, Chief of the Eye Clinic at the Boston City Hospital, thanking the College for a gift of a volume made to the Boston City Hospital Library. Dr. Alpert also expressed his personal appreciation of the lecture series presented by Dr. Frank Kozol to the Ophthalmology Residents at the Hospital.

Dr. Samuel Wasserman, Associate Professor of Theoretical Optics (including Geometrical Optics, Physical Optics and Illumination) was recently appointed by the University of California College of Optometry as a visiting lecturer. Dr. Wasserman will deliver a series of lectures at the University of California this summer and will also serve as a consultant at the College Clinic there.



**Dr. Alfred Hanson, Alumni President, right, presents citation to Dr. Donald Horley, outgoing President, at annual Alumni Luncheon. Dr. Horley was singled out for his outstanding leadership of the Alumni Association during the past two years.**

## Alumni Honored For Work

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Dr. Donald Horley, outgoing President of the Alumni Association, was honored for his efforts in providing the alumni with a powerful foundation as a part of a resurgent effort towards a strong alumni organization. During his term he has welded the organization together and among other activities began the first issue of the alumni *Bulletin*.

Also, Dr. Frank Kozol, treasurer for fourteen years, was presented a well-deserved certificate for his time and effort toward the Alumni Association. At times during these fourteen years, Dr. Kozol assumed many other duties willingly and cheerfully, because of the lack of leadership. A simple thanks is hardly adequate.

Nearly 175 alumni witnessed the installation of Dr. Alfred Hanson as President. Dr. Hanson thanked the alumni for their faith in him and pledged to continue the efforts of the previous administration. Dr. Dunbar was the installing officer.

Briefly addressing the alumni were Dean Hyman Kamens of the college, who was attending his first alumni luncheon as Dean and Dr. Otto Hochstadt, secretary-treasurer of the college, who spoke on the building fund campaign.

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The class of 1969 elected the following officers: President, Henry Boroyan; Vice-President, Daniel Appleton; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Duckman; Student Council Representatives, George Montminy (2 years) and Harland Robinson (1 year).

Miss Michele Joan Day was recently engaged to Mr. Willard Carleton Carpenter. Miss Day is a student in the first year class and Mr. Carpenter is a student in the fourth year class. A June wedding is planned.

## **2,000 To Visit Historic Boston For A.O.A. Congress**

Right on the heels of the most successful New England Council Congress ever, it seems "old hat" to be thinking of yet another congress in Boston! But that is exactly where we are today.

It is no news that from June 22-25, Boston's new Sheraton-Prudential complex is to be the site of the 69th A.O.A. Congress. It is expected that 2000 A.O.A. members, wives, children, and guests will descend on "Old Beantown."

The Arrangements Committee is made up of local men, many of whom we all know. Dr. "Joe" Craven, chairman of this committee has been long active in the alumni affairs of the college. His committee men continue to labor diligently to assure everyone's days will be complete, interesting, informative and fun.

For the Optometrist, there are some 65 educational sessions covering the gamut of Optometry. The auxiliary has planned a full schedule for Mrs. O. D. and the family program includes the same broad spectrum of events from a trip to historic Salem (Witchtown, U.S.A.) to a private teen-age A-GO-GO ROOM at the Sheraton.

Alumni of MCO, living in and around New England, need not be reminded of the many fine points in Boston. The charm of the Back Bay Shops, the many fine restaurants, the Swan boats in the Common, to name a few, are all the same today as when we visited Boston as students. Those who have not returned for five or more years are in for a real surprise when they first view Dame Boston's new face from the new fifty-two story Prudential tower that rises 750 ft. above the complex of civic and business buildings in the heart of Boston's Back Bay.

Of particular importance to all alumni is a return visit to the college. There is an Open House scheduled at the college to encourage this. The faculty, alumni and wives are invited to attend this function which should get alumni together with old friends and start the social aspects of the congress off in high gear.

Socially, the schedule includes an authentic New England family beach party clambake at Plymouth on Friday. (This should make the whole trip worthwhile, especially for those who have not partaken of one of these delicious feasts) and finally the annual installation of new officers at the Saturday night banquet at the magnificent Sheraton-Boston Ballroom.

It goes without saying that we as professional practitioners must lend support to our official organization, the American Optometric Association. One way to show our whole hearted support is by our attendance and participation in this year's 69th Annual A.O.A. Congress.

See you there!

## **Education Commissioner To Address Graduates**

Dr. Owen B. Kiernan, Mass. Commissioner of Education, will be the commencement speaker at the graduation exercises of the college Friday, June 10.

A total of 38 degrees will be awarded during the ceremonies at New England Life Hall, Clarendon Street.

Dr. Kiernan will receive the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Dean Hyman Kamens, representing the college.

Mr. Maurice H. Saval, a member of the Board of Trustees of the college, will also receive the Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

The Doctor of Ocular Science degree will be awarded to Dr. William C. Ezell, former President of the A.O.A. and a pioneer in the field of Optometry.

Awards will be presented by Dr. Robert J. McNulty, chairman of the Scholarship and Awards Committee of the college.

Dr. Alfred Hanson, President of the Alumni Association, will present the Alumni Association Plaque to that member of the graduating class who has achieved the most outstanding scholastic and extra-curricular record.

Degrees will be conferred by Dr. Frank Kozol, registrar, and Dean Kamens.

The 1966 graduating class represents the first senior class to graduate under the administration of Dean Kamens.

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### **FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AWAIT YOU AT THE HOMECOMING**

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**Massachusetts College of Optometry**

**Alumni Association**

Boston, Massachusetts

This Certifies that

*is an alumnus of the Massachusetts College of Optometry and a member of the Alumni Association.*

*In Testimony Whereof, this Certificate of Membership is hereby issued.*

*By Order of the Executive Board*

**Copy of Certificate recently voted by the Executive Board to be given to all dues paying members of the Association. Certificates, fully engraved will be mailed shortly to each member on record.**

## PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI

by Alfred D. Hanson

I first want to thank you for having enough faith in me to elect me president of our Alumni Association.

I pledge to do the best that I can to further the growth and effectiveness of our organization.

Our first project will be a "Homecoming," held at our college, June 23, 1966. This will be an "open house," and cocktail party, 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

We hope that you will be in town for the AOA Convention, and will take the short walk over to Newbury Street. Why not invite your friends, a neighbor, or prospective optometric student, to drive in and see *all* the improvements and changes in your college. There will be a limousine service between the college and the clinic. The clinic at Kenmore Square is a must. Anyone will feel proud to show our modern, up-to-date, well-equipped, clinic building. Please do plan to come and bring your wife and friends. Second vice-president, Paul Pelton and his committee, are busy preparing for a great evening, which we can all anticipate eagerly.

Your officers, directors, and advisors met Wednesday evening, April 27. The following items were among the business items transacted:

We discussed the possibility of expanding our *Bulletin*, either by including more pages, or by publishing it more often. We've found the *Bulletin* to be the best and most widespread source of communication, and I would welcome your suggestions on how it might be improved.

Dues and Financial Gifts. I do want to sincerely thank many of you for your prompt payment of dues, and your gifts to the Scholarship Fund. One of the most important ways in which we can help our Alma Mater is to give more financial assistance. I am certain that you have found it necessary to raise your fees at some time within the last few years. Have you also considered raising your financial pledges to the Alumni? Education is certainly of major importance in the continually expanding growth of our profession.

Our treasurer, Bob Shulman, one of the newer members of our board, who is doing a fine job, told the board of a change which is being made in our next statement. With your convenience in mind, we are making it easier for you to mark and return your statement and check.

In the past, the directors and advisors of the Alumni Board have drawn its members from around the Boston area. However, out of state Alumni would like to be, and should be included as well. With the new super highways, they assure us that they can and will attend our meetings.

It is the pleasant job of your president soon to name a few additional advisors. I would be happy to learn of any advisors whom you feel would capably represent you.

Suggestions for our fall meeting were given. The Board felt that it would like a meeting similar to our last one at the Retina Foundation. Your president would welcome any and all ideas regarding the improvement of this type of meeting, and also of your Alumni Association.

I look forward to see you and your wife at the Homecoming June 23.

## Alumni Notes

All alumni are invited to the graduating exercises of the college at New England Life Hall, Clarendon Street, Boston; Friday, June 10 at 1:30 P.M.

Dues are now payable for the current year. Your monetary support is needed in order for our Alumni activities to be continued. Please do your share in helping to underwrite our activities.

Because of the homecoming, there will be no alumni luncheon at the A.O.A. congress in June. There are no reservations necessary for the Homecoming which will be held Thursday, June 23, 5:30-7:30 P.M. at the college.



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